

PrEP4Teens One Year Later

Making It Work Passing the Torch



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Teen guided, arts activated social marketing and community mobilization campaign





Public events, activations, presentations

Materials, merch

Instagram, Tiktok (follow us @prep4teens)



English &
Spanish website+
blog



Reaching youth & supportive adults with PrEP information

Making youth aware, knowledgeable, & empowered around PrEP + sexual health

in and access
to teen/LGBTQ friendly
PrEP services





Prep4Teens – a brief history

Formative activities

- PrEP4Love/Adolescent PrEP Working Group/Adolescent PrEP research
- EHE supplement awarded
- Startup & research planning

Preparatory activities: Partnership development, planning, fundraising

- Cultivated partnerships
- Summer Think Tank #2 with teens
- Identified funding sources & pitched funders

Implementation & sustainment of PrEP4Teens

- Dissemination
- Transition from Northwestern to TaskForce

2021 2023

2020 (and prior)

2022

2024 (and beyond)

Exploratory activities

- Virtual focus groups/interviews
- Creative Think Tank with teens
- Community feedback survey

Implementation: Campaign design & launch

- Multiple grants awarded
- Hired staff & creatives, youth
- Launched campaign





Scan to learn about our research findings in this February 2022 CFAR seminar with Kathryn Macapagal & Jim Pickett

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Adult Stakeholders' Perspectives on the Content, Design, and Dissemination of Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescent-Centered PrEP Campaigns

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Abstract

Introduction This qualitative study examined the perspectives of *sexual and gender minority* (SGM) teen-focused HIV *pre-exposure prophylaxis* (PrEP) social marketing campaigns among Chicago-area adults who work with or parent SGM teens. Methods Thirty adults (M_{age} =37.5 years; 53.3% racial/ethnic minority) participated in online interviews from March to June 2021. Questions elicited their preferences for the design, content, and dissemination of SGM teen-centered PrEP campaigns. Transcripts were analyzed through inductive content analysis.

Results Participants discussed benefits (e.g., cultivate awareness of HIV prevention, destignatize sex, encourage PrEP conversations) and concerns (e.g., PrEP's safety, access to PrEP) about teen-centered PrEP campaigns. Adults emphasized that teen-centered PrEP campaigns should appeal to adolescents, regardless of SGM identity, as the teens they knew prioritized inclusivity. At the same time, campaigns were recommended to be tailored enough to resonate with SGM teens and others disproportionately affected by HIV. Participants also suggested including clear instructions and calls to action and testimonials from other SGM teens. Finally, respondents recommended online and offline spaces for the delivery of such campaigns, like social media, youth-serving organizations, and public transportation.

Conclusions These findings lay the groundwork for designing teen-centered PrEP campaigns in Chicago and may guide

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Sexual and gender minority adolescents' preferences for educational PrEP social marketing campaigns: A Pre-implementation Study

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Scan to learn about our youth engagement approaches in this '24 CDC webinar with Kathryn Macapagal, Jim Pickett, & Chris Balthazar





PIEP TEENS

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Howard

Cottage Grove

Harlem/Lake

54th/Cermak

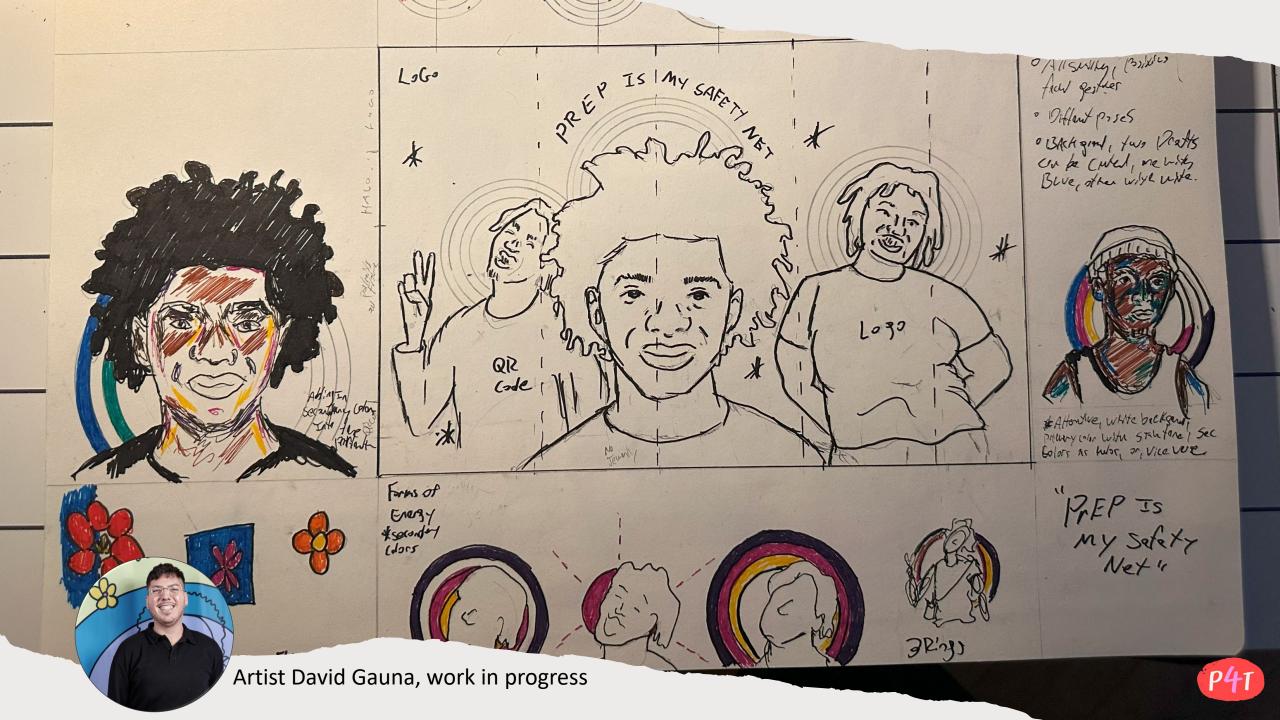
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Our first Creative Workshop







Launch November 2023



Murals Era Nov 2023-Sept 2024





Mural #1

TaskForce (current home)
9 North Cicero
Exterior view



TaskForce Interior view



Mural 2 unveiled January 2024



Institute of Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing at Northwestern University

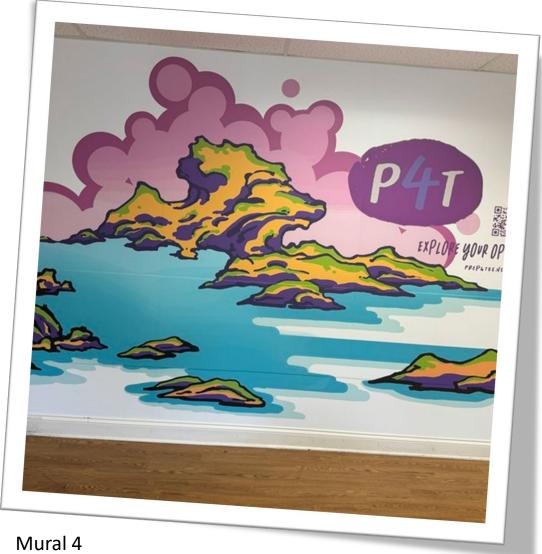
Artist Harlan Thompson



Murals 3 + 4 unveiled April 2024



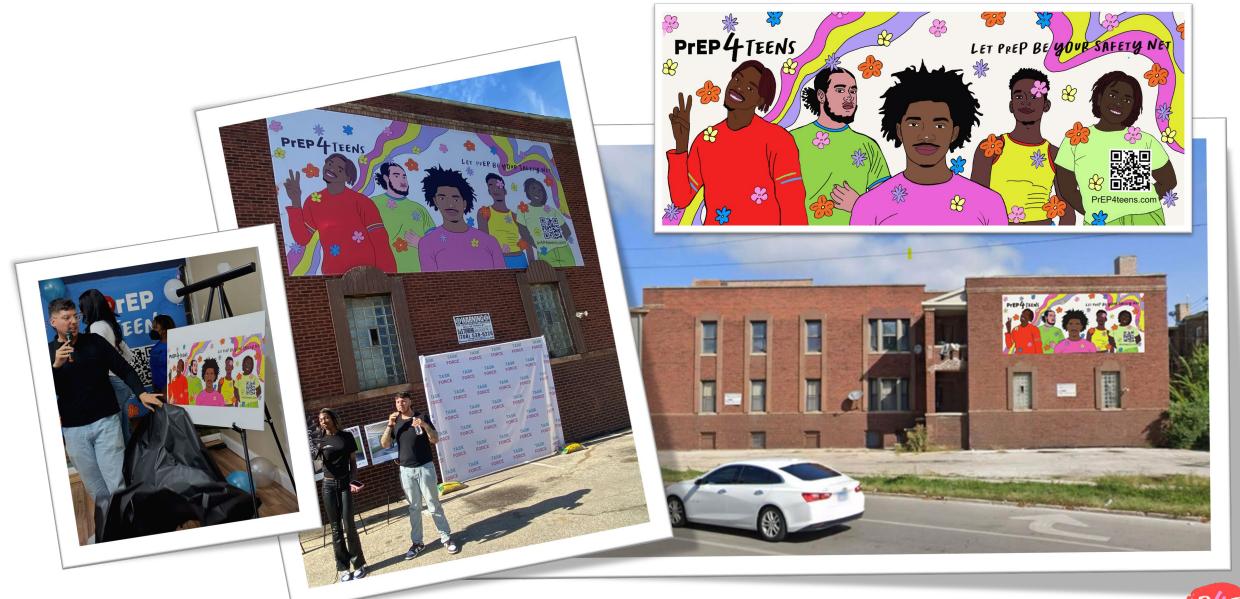
Mural 3 Lurie Children's Hospital, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Outpatient Clinic



Mural 4
The Village at UChicago
Drop in/Services



Mural 5 unveiled june 2024



Mural 5 at future home of TaskForce, 103 North Laramie, Artist David Gauna

Mural 6 Unveiled September 2024







Murals inspire palms + posters









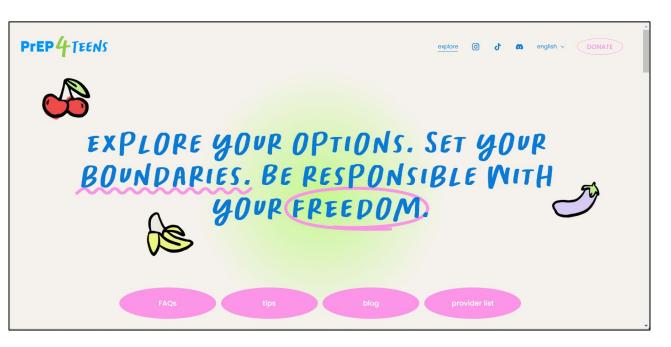






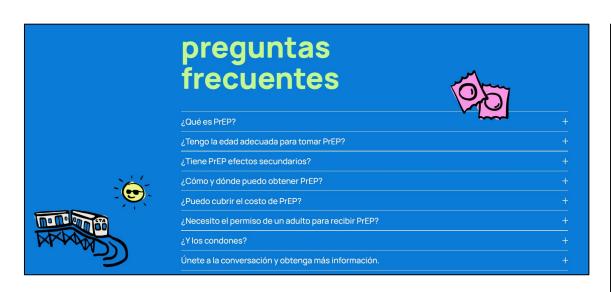
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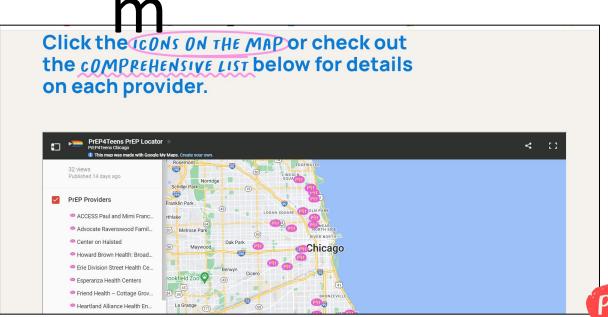




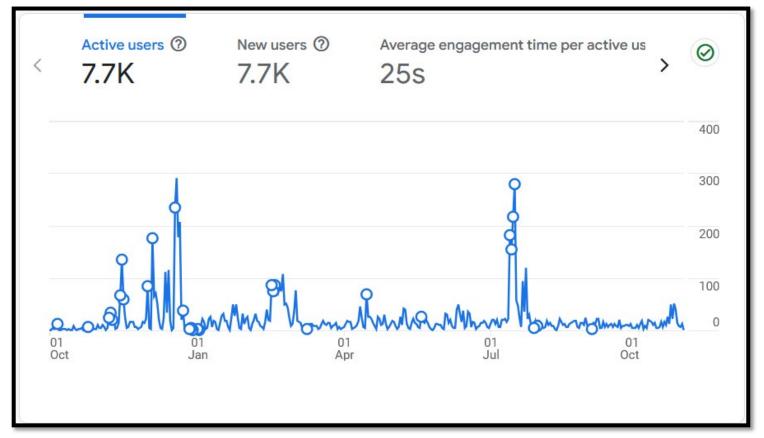


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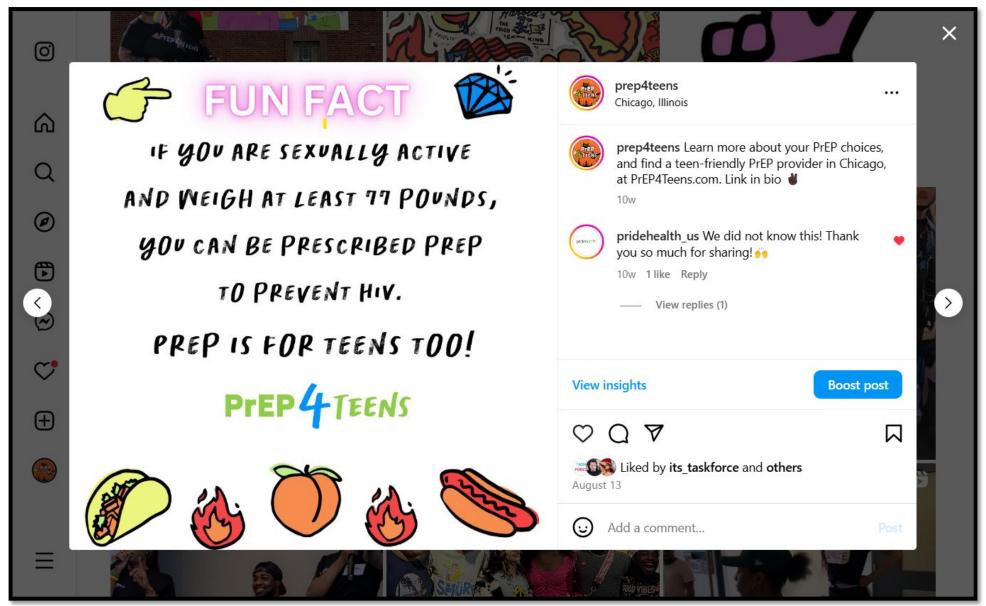
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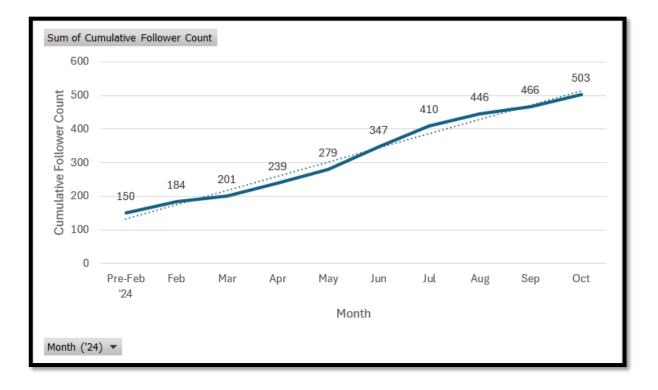


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Variables that drive traffic:

- Local events
- Boosting research surveys
- Conferences like HIVR4P

Followers



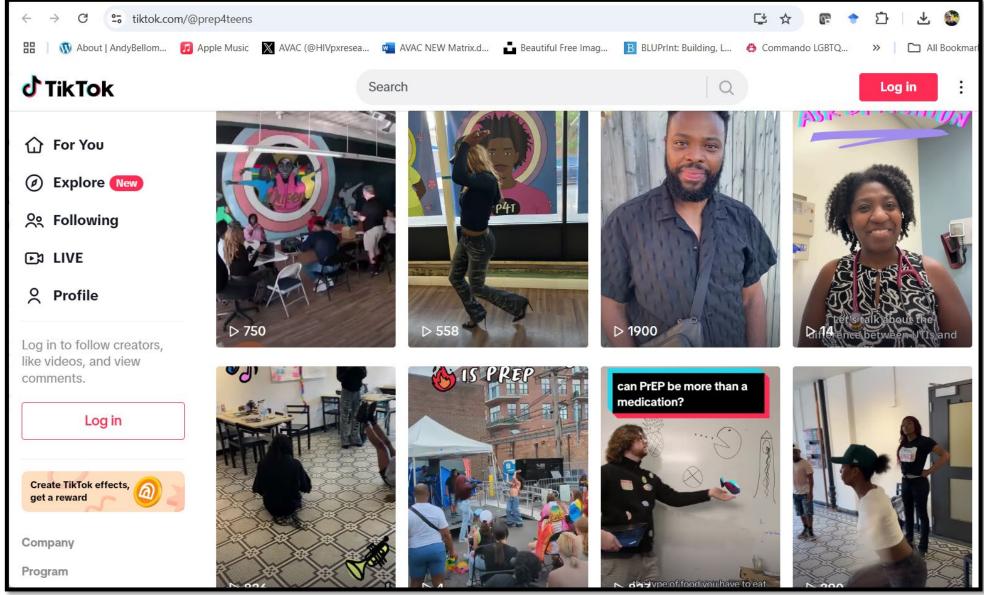




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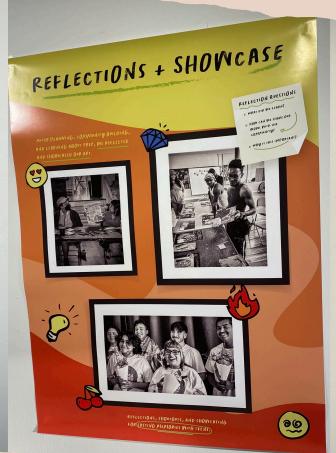
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Creative Activations



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ALMA x P4T









ALMA CREATES X PREP 4 TEENS



Creative Activations

COCG x P4T





A CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP:

Centering Black, Queer Creativity at the Intersections of Advocacy, Wellness & Youth

lunch provided & cash honorarium

Saturday, July 13 • 11am - 3pm
Center on Cottage Grove • 6323 South Cottage Grove

Are you a Black Queer/LGBTQ+ youth between the ages of 13 – 18? Interested in art as a tool for empowerment and creating change?

Use the QR code to register for this workshop before July 8.

Space is limited to 10 participants, so sign up today!









Creative Activations

My Love is Beautiful









Stickers + Posters





Handing over the keys



- When PrEP4Teens was 100% research, it made sense for it to live at Northwestern
- In late 2023, started shifting stewardship to community – TaskForce – as focus moved to implementation

- TaskForce, Black-led, HIV/LGBTQ youth service org in Austin neighborhood of Chicago (TaskForce turns 35 in 2025)
- 2024: slow, strategic "handing keys" toTaskForce, leadership, maintain community-wide aspect of project



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TASK FORCE

- Community Safer Space and Violence Prevention
- Preventive Health and Wellness
- Sexual Health and Wellness
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Basic Needs and Legal Services
- Advocacy and Organizing
- Vogue School

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Equality











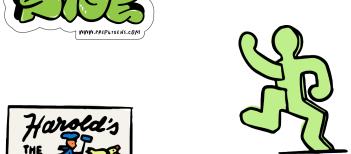














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Common questions we're asked that you might have too... but ask us anything!

- What advice would you have for someone wanting to do a campaign like PrEP4Teens?
- Did you plan all of the creative activities and events in advance? How do you know what to budget for all these things?
- What does transitioning a program/intervention from research to community really involve? How did you get funding to sustain the campaign after the research was done?
- What outcomes are you measuring? How are you measuring PrEP uptake related to the campaign?
- Do you have a manual so I can do this where I am?